

## SEVERE TOWARD SCHOOLS

Nine Months' Investigation of Committee Settled in Substance.

## CALL NIGHT COURSES FARGE

## Vocational Studies and Smaller Board of Education Chief Recommendations.

The report on New York's public school system by the committee headed by Professor Paul H. Hays, which has been investigating the schools of this city for the last nine months, has reached the board of education and the public. It is hoped that the report will be ready to be presented in its final form by July 1.

It is understood that the feature of the school system that will come in for the most severe criticism will be the night schools. As at present constituted, the report will say, the night schools are a farce. Old men and little boys sit side by side in the classroom, while it may be suitable for the little boys, it is not at all suitable for the men or calculated to help them in their day's work.

The report will say, it is understood, that the night schools should not be used as an adjunct to the day schools to provide seats for the children who are now in part time in the day schools, but should be a continuation of the day schools, with curriculum designed to give more advanced education to the boys and men who want studies beyond those they have taken up in the primary schools to help them to advance in their daily work. It will be recommended that latitude should be allowed the principals of the night schools to make up the curriculum in accordance with the needs of the pupils.

More Latitude for All Principals.

The same recommendation will be made in regard to the principals of the day schools. The report, it is understood, will say that under the present system the principals and superintendents of schools have far too much clerical work to do. They should be relieved of the clerical work in order to give their time and ability to the pupils and to giving particular attention to the needs of the pupils in adapting the curriculum to the requirements of the pupils. There should not be a hard and fast curriculum for all the elementary schools in the city. It will say, but the particular needs of the section of the city in which the school is situated, and from which it draws its pupils should be studied and the curriculum of each school made up with regard to these needs.

A strong recommendation, it is understood, will be made for intermediate schools to take in children in the seventh and eighth years of school work and prepare them for the high school. It will be pointed out that only about 10 per cent of the pupils in the primary schools go to the high schools and intermediate schools should be provided for them, while for the other pupils a different course of study should be provided for them to take the high school course.

Vocational schools will be the subject of one of the chief recommendations of the report. Under the present system, it will say, the vast majority of pupils leave the schools prepared for nothing. They wander about from one small job to another for two or three years, meanwhile losing all the value of the education they have gained in school, and finally settle down to some work in a haphazard fashion.

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Board of Education Too Large.

The present Board of Education, it is understood, will be characterized as cumbersome and unwieldy. It will be said that the board should be reduced to a few, perhaps fifteen, members, who will serve without pay and all be active working members. Under the present system, the report will say, the chairman of the committee of the board do the work, while the other members make suggestions and vote on second and third readings, under Dr. William H. Maxwell, as City Superintendent, will be said, it is understood, to be too conservative. Recommendations will be made for more radical methods in the work of this board. This part of the report has been anticipated in the report of Dr. Maxwell, who himself has recommended more radical methods on the part of the superintendents.

One of the important recommendations will be to change the elementary schools will be recommended with the study of English. The report, it is understood, will say that under the present system there is entirely too much attention paid to conjugations and declensions and parsing sentences. More time should be given to teaching oral composition and the use of good English in classroom conversation.

It is likely that there will be a recommendation for curtailing the courses in Latin and Greek and advanced mathematics in the high schools and giving more time to modern languages, while it will be recommended that Latin and Greek be dropped altogether from the purely technical and commercial high school courses.

While the committee has no power to effect changes in the educational system of the city, it is expected that the public schools will be reorganized along the lines of the report. The Board of Estimate and the Board of Education are expected to take the investigation, and President Mitchell of the Board of Aldermen is ex-officio chairman of the committee.

## NEW LAW FOR JEWISH ORDER

Rochester, May 13.—At the second day of the national convention of the Free Sons of Israel, today, action was taken establishing a court of appeals for settling all disputes as to endowment and death claims, reducing the tenure of office of all elective officers and changing the convention periods from every five years to every three years. A new constitution, containing 105 articles, was adopted.

A memorial resolution on the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Straus and Emil Pannitz, Titanic victims, was offered by Sheriff Julius Harburger of New York and adopted. A banquet followed the business sessions tonight.

## WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Reception to the American Museum of Natural History, Metropolitan Museum of Art and the New York Zoological Park. Conference on public health, City Hall. Meeting of the National Society of New England Women, Waldorf-Astoria, afternoon. Dinner of the Advertising Men's League, Aldine Hotel, 6:30 p. m.

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